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AGRICULTURAL TWO-YEAR PLAN FIGURES GIVEN;
MECHANIZATION OF PLOWING AND PLANTING STRESSED

* FULFILLMENT OF TWO-YEAR PLAN FOR AGRICULTURE -- Lidova Demokracie, No 51, 2 Mar 49

Agricultural production under the two-year plan was quite satisfactory, although the 1947 drought affected the growth of plants and livestock production during both years. Production in 1947 fell below plan, although the sowing plan was fulfilled.

The two-year plan for agricultural production for wheat was fulfilled 97 percent; rye, 97.4 percent; barley, 95.3 percent; oats, 100.8 percent; corn, 90.6 percent; potatoes, 82.2 percent; sugar beets, 94.6 percent; oil seeds, 106.1 percent; hops, 72.6 percent; and tobacco, 77.9 percent. The plan for the crop purchases of bread grains was fulfilled 90.3 percent according to reports dated 1 January, and the plan for fodder plants was fulfilled 78.4 percent. The plan for quantity of beef cattle was fulfilled 91.87 percent; for hogs, 92.9 percent (including 102.62 percent for sows); the plan for hens was fulfilled 117.61 percent. The plan for beef production was fulfilled 91 percent; pork, 71.2 percent; lard, 144.6 percent; milk, 100.9 percent; and eggs, 120.5 percent. The two-year plan for the production of plants other than fruit was fulfilled 72.8 percent; for livestock, 83.3 percent.

The two-year plan for mechanization also was fulfilled satisfactorily: 98.3 percent for deliveries of tractors, 108.2 percent for plows, 138.1 percent for grass mowers, 151.4 percent for grain mowers, 110.8 percent for binders, 102.4 percent for chaff-cutters, 178.4 percent for pneumatic-tired vehicles, 154.7 percent for power mowers, and 96.1 percent for milking machines. As of 1 January 1949 there were 445 state-operated machinery stations with 47 auxiliaries and 5,994 farm machinery cooperatives.

Under the two-year plan, 1,977 shares in a cooperative laundry and 116 irons, 50 washing machines, and 1,809 sets of canning machinery were distributed.

Under the agricultural five-year plan, the wheat sowing plan has been fulfilled 96.4 percent (the balance will be made up with spring wheat), the oats sowing plan 101.8 percent, and the plan for winter rape 114.3 percent.

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GRAIN PURCHASES IN THE CZECH PROVINCES -- Srobdne Slovo, No 66, 19 Mar 49

From the completion of the harvest to 15 February, 90 percent of the prescribed quantity of bread grain was purchased for public supply in the Czech Provinces. Prague Kraj is in first place, with 99 percent; Olomouc Kraj is in last place with 76 percent. Up to 5 March, 102,666 carloads of bread grain had been purchased in the entire country; one year ago, only 60 percent of this figure had been purchased. Also, 26,739 carloads of barley have been purchased this year (somewhat over 11,000 last year), and 7,710 carloads of oats (only 2,527 last year).

PLOWING IN VLASIM OKRES -- Rude Pravo, No 56, 8 Mar 49

In Vlasim Okres, 12,015 hectares will be harrowed and dragged in the course of 3 days provided there is a sufficient number of teams and implements. The autumn plowing was finished in the entire okres, with insignificant exceptions; 7,845 hectares of summer grain crops and potatoes will be sowed and planted. A sufficient supply of seeds and seedlings, machines, and manpower has been assured, so that the planting and setting will be completed in 6 days. A sufficient number of tractor drivers were trained throughout the winter, from among young farmers.

Smaller reservoirs and ponds in the entire okres have been restored. The restoration of the old ponds is contemplated in the long-range plan. A large reservoir with an area of 30 hectares will be built near the town of Mestecsko.

TRACTOR POOL ACTIVATED -- Rude Pravo, No 66, 22 Mar 49

A plan has been evolved by the machine tractor stations whereby, during the spring planting and plowing season, a pool of 700 tractors with their attachments will be kept in readiness for transfer within 24 hours from okres to okres as needed.

Under this program, at the beginning of March, 150 tractors and 150 tractor operators were sent to southern Slovakia, and 300 tractors were sent to southern Moravia and to the dry areas of northwestern Bohemia to supplement the machine tractor stations there.

If needed, a total of 310 tractors and a like number of operators from the Czech Provinces can be sent to the okres of northwestern Bohemia where there are only 40 at present.

The 1,700 tractors remaining in the home stations will take care of normal farm operations in all districts. There are 1,000 tractors in Slovakia which can be shifted from the machine tractor stations to okres where they are needed.

MACHINES FOR STATE FARMS -- Srobdne Slovo, No 66, 19 Mar 49

The mechanization of agricultural production on state farms is proceeding rapidly. Since the beginning of this year, 20 tractors, 40 light trucks, 50 tractor trailers, and 250 hay-mowing machines have been purchased. These investments will be reflected favorably in the spring field operations. Even before their introduction, horse teams will be replaced by Zetor 15 small tractors in some sections.

A course of instruction for employees of state farms will be arranged in spring at the state mechanization farm in Chensko near Vysoke Myto.

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PLOWING IN KUTNA HORA OKRES -- Rude Pravo, No 56, 8 Mar 49

Machine tractor stations in Kutna Hora Okres which did not have a sufficient number of skids are now obtaining them so that the dragging of the land may be completed in a few days, weather permitting.

The following are available in the okres: 225 tractors, 3,337 horses, 649 draft oxen, and, if necessary, 6,186 draft cows. Twelve hundred hectares still remain to be plowed here this spring.

FARMERS PLEDGE HIGHER YIELDS -- Rude Pravo, No 51, 2 Mar 49

The farmers of Jesenice, a community in Cheb Okres, have pledged increases in production, in addition to the quotas set by the plan, in honor of the Ninth Congress of the Communist Party, 25-29 May. By the time of the Congress they will increase the number of their milch cows from 86 to 108, hogs from 96 to 143, and sows from 13 to 24. Milk deliveries will be increased from the 114,726 liters called for by the plan to 120,510 liters; egg deliveries, from 33,000 to 33,390. Meat production will rise from 152.58 centners of beef to 250.60 centners, and from 71.15 centners (3,447.5 kilograms) of pork to 91.22 centners.

CHICKEN FARM BEGINS DELIVERIES -- Svobodno Slovo, No 68, 22 Mar 49

The state-operated farm at Chlumec nad Cidlinou delivered its first 400 chickens on 10 March. Hatched on 20 December, the chickens weighed an average of 90 decagrams each. Regular weekly deliveries of 300-400 chickens will follow. Ten thousand chickens have been hatched and placed in fattening batteries at the farm.

FISHPONDS ON STATE FARMS -- Rude Pravo, No 53, 4 Mar 49

The state farms plan to have 30,243 hectares of fishponds built by this spring. By the end of February they had constructed 87 fishponds covering 53.9 hectares. Artificial flooding has been carried out on an area of 72 hectares, including 10, 40, and 22 hectares on the state farms at Krcmeriz, Smrice, and Hodonin, respectively.

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